

## Helpful Phone Numbers and Websites

**New Mexico State Police**  
1-888-442-6677

**SaferNM.org**

**StopImpairedDriving.org**

**DWIResourceCenter.org**

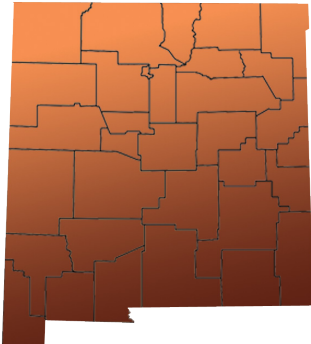
**New Mexico Road Conditions**  
nmroads.com

**Road Advisory Hotline** 1-800-432-4269

**Drunk Busters** (cell phone only)  
1-877-DWI-HALT

When calling this number, be prepared to  
answer the following questions:

1. What is the exact location of the  
suspected drunk driver?
2. What is the color, make, model and  
license plate of the vehicle?
3. Describe what the vehicle is doing.



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**New Mexico Attorney General's Office**  
**Prosecutions Division**

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

505-827-6000-main  
505-827-6081-fax

[www.nmag.gov](http://www.nmag.gov)

**New Mexico Department of**  
**Transportation**

<http://www.nmshtd.state.nm.us>

**National Highway Traffic Safety**  
**Administration**

<http://www.nhtsa.gov>



# TRAFFIC SAFETY

## AT THE AG'S OFFICE



**MAKING NEW MEXICO**  
**A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE**  
**AND DRIVE**



New Mexico Attorney General Gary King's office is home to the State of New Mexico's Department of Transportation grant-funded Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor.



## The Grant

### *Purpose:*

The intent of the National Highway Traffic Safety grant, administered by the Attorney General's Office, is to reduce the number of DWI occurrences while addressing traffic safety issues such as speeding, driving distractions, occupant protection, and more. The grant provides for a full-time DWI special prosecutor who holds two regional trainings each year for other DWI prosecutors. The Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor also participates in DWI initiatives, and acts as liaison with public interest groups, policy-making agencies, and other stake-holders on DWI prosecution issues and traffic related issues.

### *Mission:*

The mission of the grant is to help keep traffic flowing smoothly across the State of

New Mexico, preventing injuries and saving lives on the roadways in the process.

## What is a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor?

A Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) is generally a current or former prosecutor who also provides training, education, and technical support to traffic crimes prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

New Mexico's TSRP coordinates training for prosecutors and police officers on a statewide basis (primarily DWI prosecutions) and provides legal assistance on matters related to such cases. This includes help with pre-trial investigations, assisting prosecutors when asked, researching motions, writing briefs, and more.



Each TSRP must assess the needs and demands unique to the state and work in conjunction with many agencies to meet these needs.

The AG's office is currently working on a blog or a list serv to help link up all prosecutors in the state to work on legal issues together. This blog or list serv will originate at the AG's office and then hopefully be expanded into law enforcement agencies as well.

## Definitions:

### *What is IMPAIRED DRIVING?*

Impaired driving can be defined as a reduction in the performance of critical driving tasks due to the effects of alcohol or other drugs.

### *What is DISTRACTED DRIVING?*

Distracted driving is any activity a person engages in while driving that has the potential to distract him or her from the primary task of driving and increases the risk of crashing.

### Examples:

- Visual - taking your eyes off the road
- Manual - taking your hands off the wheel
- Cognitive - taking your mind off what you're doing

This happens when the driver looks for something that has been dropped, reaches across the vehicle for any reason, or loses focus on the task at hand.

### Other examples include:

- Using a cell phone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a PDA or navigation system
- Watching a video
- Changing the radio station, CD, or Mp3 player.